

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract.

-- An image verification apparatus includes a verification unit and a ~~display-form-change~~ control unit. The verification unit verifies whether a digital image included in an image file has been altered. The ~~display-form-change~~ control unit changes a display form of additional information included in the image file, if the verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered. The ~~display-form-change~~ control unit avoids displaying the additional information if the verification unit verifies that the digital image has been altered. The additional information includes a thumbnail image of the digital image. --